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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XD

SUBJ: PLO SEEIS TO IMPROVE STATUS

REF: STATE 244368; PARIS 26332

1. PLO HAS FMR SOME TIME MAINTAINED AN OFFICE IN LONDON HEADED BY SAID HAMMAMI, ON WHOSE ACTIVITIES WE REPORTED DURING IPU CONFERENCE IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER. THE PLO DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC STATUS IN THE UK, NOR DOES HAMMAMI PERSONALLY. HIS OFFICE IS IN THE ARAB LEAGUE INFORMATION OFFICE AT 1/11 HAY HILL. THIS ARAB LEAGUE OFFICE IS NORMALLY HEADED BY TWO EGYPTIAN EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO ARE CARRIED AT THE TAIL END OF THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY DIPLOMATIC LIST. A GLANCE AT THE LOBBY DIRECTORY IN THIS BUILDING INDICATES THAT THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE BUILDING IS SHARED BY THE ARAB LEAGUE OFFICE AND A KUWAITI GOVERNMENT OFFICE. THE PLO PRESUMABLY PAYS NO RENT FOR HAMMAMI'S OFFICE. IN WRITING LETTERS TO THE PRESS, HAMMAMI EVIDENTLY USES A PLO LETTERHEAD.

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2. SINCE HMG POLICY, MOST RECENTLY ENUNCIATED IN BRIEF

STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT ON JUNE 25, IS NOT TO RECOGNIZE
PLO, HAMMAMI AANNOT BE RECEIVED IN FCO. HOWEVER, INDIVI-
DUAL FCO OFFICERS HANDLING NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS DO SEE
HIM SOCIALLY AND PERIODICALLY LUNCH WITH HIM. FCO INFORMS
US HMG WOULD INDEED RESIST PRESSURES TO
UPGRADE STATUS OF PLO OFFICE.

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